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SUBJ: FUNDIDORA MONTERREY STRIKE CONTINUES

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- 1. STRIKE IN MONTERREY'S LARGEST STEEL MILL, THE FUNDIDORA, IS NOW ENTERING ITS FOURTH WEEK AND NO EARLY RESOLUTION APPEARS IN SIGHT. OFFER OF GOM LABOR SECRETARY OJEDA TO MEDIATE BETWEEN LABOR AND MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN FLATLY REJECTED BY SECTION 67 OF MINERS UNION. LOCAL MEDIA RELATE THAT SMALL GROUP OF AGITATORS WHO HAVE DOMINATED UNION MEETINGS REFUSED TO LISTEN TO CONCILIATORY PLEAS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF OJEDA AND THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNION. BOTH REPRESENTATIVES WERE REPORTEDLY HOOTED OUT OF A WEEKEND MEETING WITH STRIKERS. INDUSTRY SOURCES TELL US THAT THE RADICAL FACTION IN CONTROL OF UNION IS INFILTRATED BY BOTH COMMUNISTS AND FRENTE AUTENTICO DE TRABAJADORES (FAT). RADICALS.
- 2. CUMMULATIVE PRODUCTION LOSSES TO FUNDIDORA ARE NOW ESTIMATED AT 63THOUSAND TONS VALUED AT 315 MILLION PESOS. CUMULATIVE SALARY LOSS TO FUNDIDORA'S 4,500 WORKERS IS UNCLASSIFIED

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ESTIMATED AT 18 MILLION PESOS. MOREOVER, FUNDIDORA'S SHUTDOWN IS STARTING TO HURT OTHER INDUSTRIES, PARTICULARLY CONSTRUCTION, AS SHORTAGES MOUNT IN STEEL BEAMS, SHEET, TUBING, AND WIRE. SPOKESMAN FOR LOCAL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CLAIMS THAT QUOTE THOUSANDS UNQUOTE OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS ARE LOSING THEIR JOBS. LAMBERT

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